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Description

The invention (Cardssafe) relates to a system that involves and at the same time secures both parties, ie; the cardholder/consumer and the establishment/seller for the period of time that the cardholder/customer is using the seller's facilities. It prevents card cloning, copying, swiping etc while the cardholder/customer is using the establishments' facilities. At the same time it provides security for the establishment using "Cardssafe" in the knowledge that the customer cannot leave without paying.

Consumer transactions of this nature have often compromised and embarrassed both parties but have mostly been in favour of the seller as the consumer had no obvious security, and if wanting to still use the sellers facilities, no grounds on which to deny the seller control over the consumers card.

Credit cards have been around for many years but in recent years with the proliferation of credit cards, which are used more frequently, as a more convenient way of making higher priced purchases opposed to cash for use in everyday purchases has become more frequent.

Therefore, the seller is today requiring the security of the cardholder/customer credit card whilst using the seller's facilities with increasing regularity. This, in turn, has increased the amount of fraud world-wide as the time that the credit card is away from the cardholders person the more opportunity the fraudster has to perpetrate a crime against the cardholder.

'Cardssafe' secures both the seller and the consumer from the risks associated with the retention of the credit card by the seller.

Because of Cardssafe unique key to every (credit card) container the consumer is reassured in the knowledge that he/she has the key in their possession, whilst their credit card is (locked in the cardssafe container) being retained by the seller.

The seller is also secure in the knowledge that the consumer cannot leave the premises without transacting payment for their services, and also greatly diminishes the risk of the cardholder/customer card being cloned swiped or copied.

Cardssafe primary use will be for bars,restaurants,pubs,hotel reception, and anywhere else where the card is retained outside of the cardholder/customer view or away from his person custody at any time whilst being a patron of that establishment!

Claims

1. Cardssafe is designed exclusively for the safe keeping of credit, debit, and switch cards, or any other card used for making payments, hereafter referred to as "card".
2. Cardssafe protects the cardholder/customers' card from any fraudulent activity, that may occur during the period when the card is not in the possession of the patron.
3. The Cardssafe invention can only be opened with a unique key, which stays with the patron for the duration of the period for any business conducted between the seller and cardholder.
4. The Cardssafe box is made of durable and robust material, which will take considerable force to break, and its integrity can only be violated by undue force being applied by an intruder.
5. No card reading devices can penetrate the exterior walls of the box, to read the information on the card contained in the box

Abstract

Cardssafe is designed exclusively for the safe keeping of credit, debit, and switch cards, or any other card used for making payments, hereafter referred to as "card".

"Cardssafe" is a product that ensures the safety of the card whilst it is not in the cardholders' possession, by retaining the card securely inside (9) the container (4). The Cardssafe box is locked in place by two securing bolts (5), which require a unique key to unlock (1), and the housing (3) slides across the body (4) using a tongue (6) and groove (7) design. The key has a protrusion (13), which stops it at the right location (4). The locking bolts (5) are kept secure by springs (8) pushing them into the opening in the inside slide guide (10). The key enters the housing (3) part, through a hinged opening hatch (2), and the lock releases the bolts (5) by depressing the levers on the inside (11). The housing (3) is prevented from becoming separated from the body (4) through a spring-lock release mechanism (12). The box can only be opened with the unique key (1), which depresses the securing bolts (5) through exerting downward pressure on the inside (11).

The lock can be operated through mechanical or magnetic means.

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FIG. 1

Closed & not in use

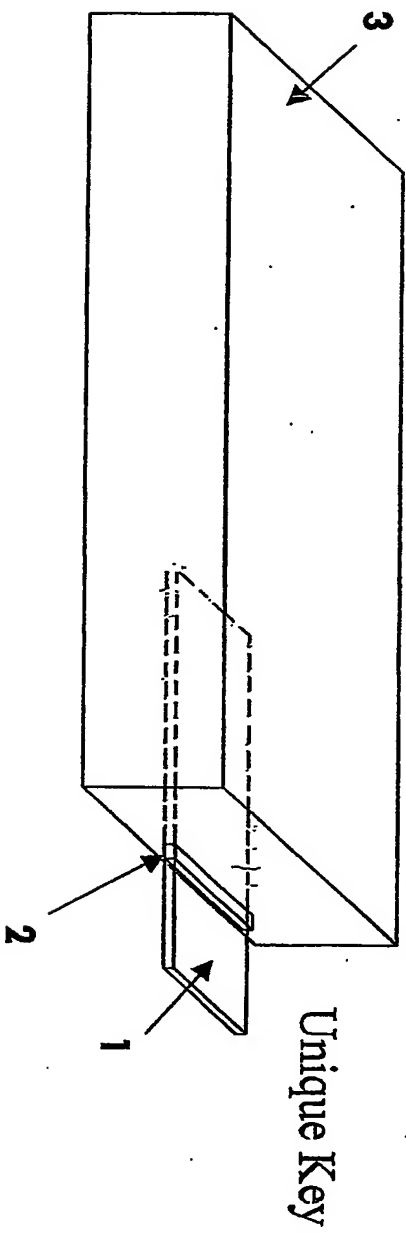
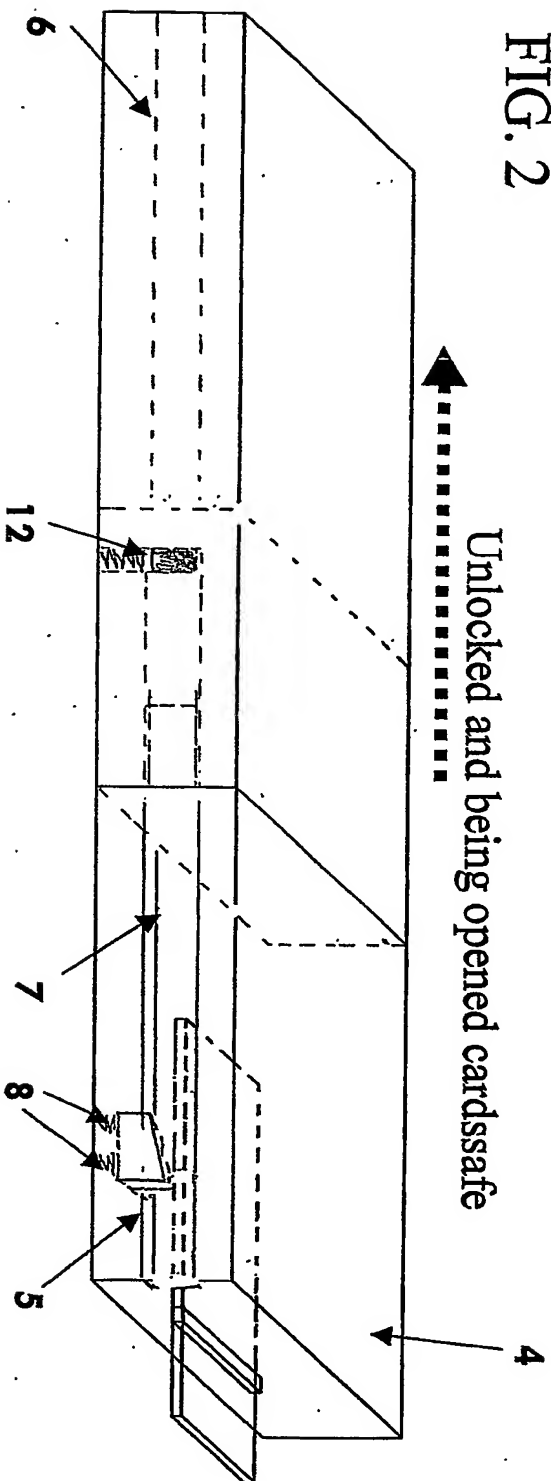


FIG. 2

Unlocked and being opened cardssafe



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FIG. 3

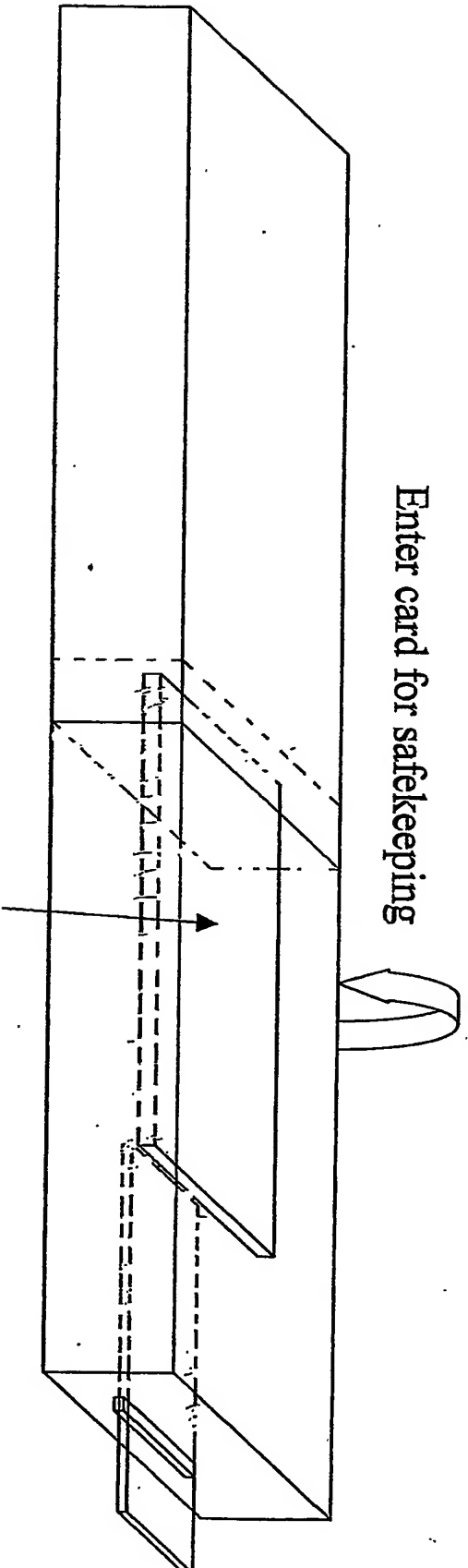
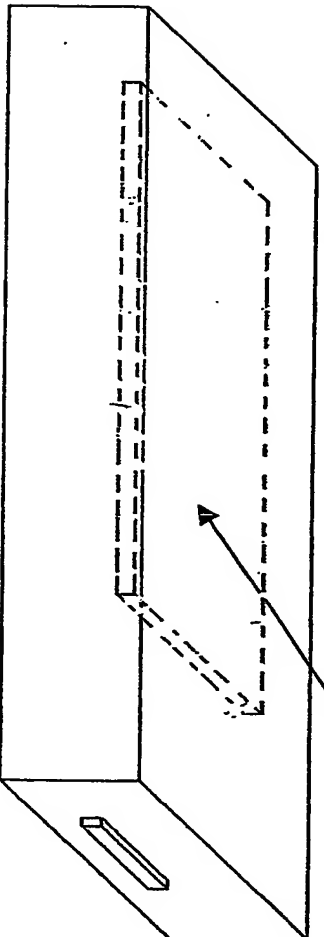
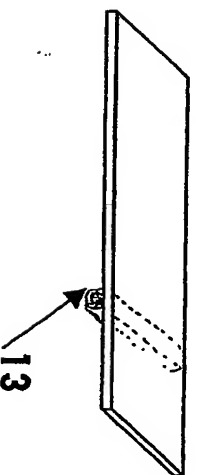


FIG. 4

Locked and in use



Unique Key



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FIG. 5a

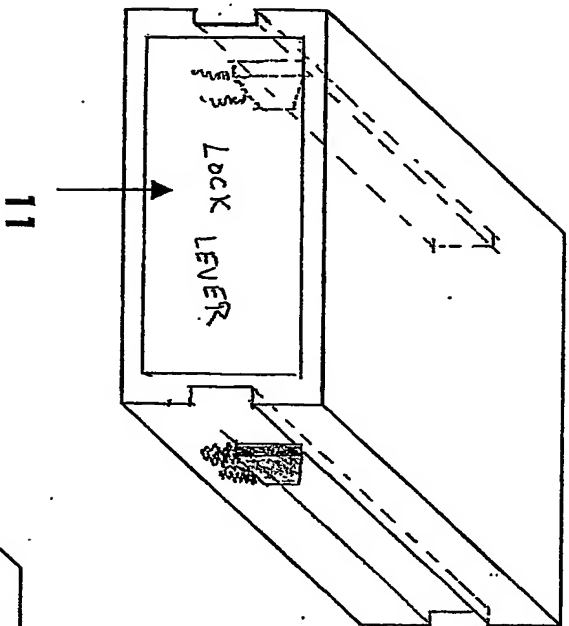


FIG. 5b

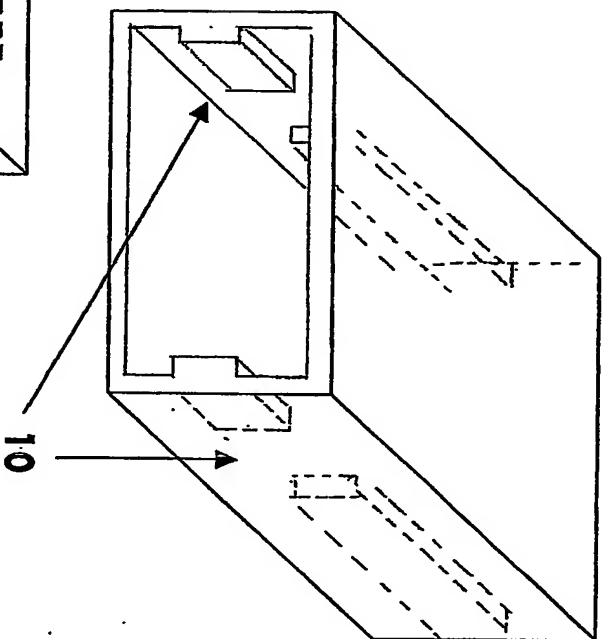
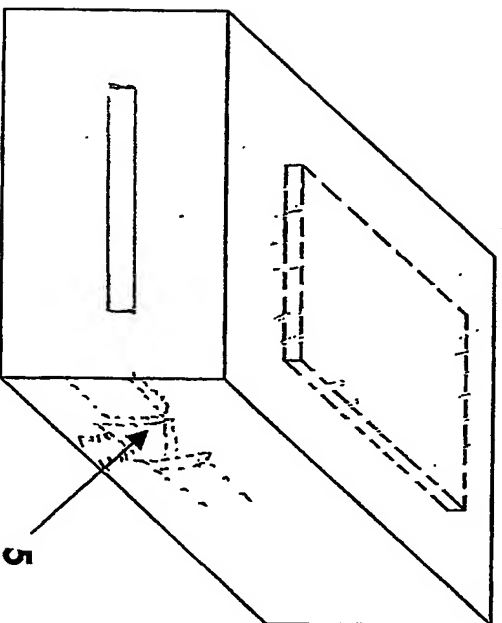


FIG. 5c



Locked end view